

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--One known form of double block and bleed valve is disclosed in the applicant's patent EP1038132. This form of valve has been found to be extremely successful commercially due to the advantages in practical usage. Reference to this patent and Prior art Figure [A] 1 illustrates one form of double block and bleed valve arrangement with the valve body formed by two parts joined together at an interface intermediate the ends of the valve body. At each end of the body are provided flange formations X,Y to allow the valve to be attached to the pipeline flanges via bolts. This valve also has the significant advantage of only having a single joint i.e at the interface. This is of advantage over the "double retainer" form of valves which have two pressurized joints instead of just one. As a result it can reasonably be stated that the valve in accordance with the patent is 50% safer.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A problem with both of these known arrangements is the need to provide, as part of the valve assembly, the flange formations X, Y as illustrated in Figure [A] 1. This therefore means that the part Z in which the valve components is provided is limited in size and therefore makes the assembly of the valve difficult and confines the components and features which can be incorporated into the valve.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure A 1 illustrate one form of prior art valve assembly,--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 1 illustrates an elevation of a valve in accordance with one embodiment of the invention;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 2 3 illustrates a sectional elevation of the valve of Figure 2 through the vertical centre line of Figure 2;--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 20 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 3 4 illustrates a sectional end elevation of the valve assembly of Figure 2 and 3; and--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure [4] 5 illustrates a schematic illustration of the valve in accordance with the invention in use connected to a pipeline.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The valve body 2 comprises two parts 18, 20. The parts are joined together once the valve components have been positioned in the respective positions within the valve body parts. The two parts 18,20 are then joined together at an interface 22, which is formed so as to minimise the opportunity for leakage of the liquid or gas from the bore through the interface join. The join is typically achieved via bolts located in a series of spaced channels 23, typically four, at the interface. The channels are located on the valve body part 20 in this embodiment and the bolts (not shown) pass along the channels, across the interface 22 and into threaded apertures 25 to engage the two parts 18,20 together in a sealed relationship at the interface. Figure [3] 4 illustrates how the opening into the channels 23 are spaced in a circular path at the end face of the part 20.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In accordance with the invention, and as illustrated in Figure [4] 5 the valve body does not include or require flange formations at each end face to be provided to allow connection of the valve with the pipeline flanges at the ends of the pipelines 24,26. In accordance with the invention, the connection of the valve with the pipeline flanges 28, 30 is achieved via a series of bolts 32. Each of the bolts 32 passes through one of a

series of spaced apertures in the pipeline flange and then into one of a number of threaded ports 34 at the respective end faces 35,37 of the valve body. A series of the ports 34 are provided at each end 35, 37 of the valve body and they are spaced apart around a circular path 39 adjacent the peripheral edge of the end face. The number of ports and the spacing are provided to match those apertures provided as standard on the pipeline flanges 28,30.--